



How to request a Mock Interview:

- First, schedule an interview with the university / institution OR check your email often because you could potentially receive an email from a school to set up an interview. Do not miss deadlines!!
 - Once a date is established, contact your college counselor to schedule your mock interview with CFA faculty and staff. Please request at least a WEEK IN ADVANCE!
 - Your college counselor will organize a day and time around your study hall.
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How to prepare for an interview:

- Mark your calendar for the interview so you do not forget. You may only get one shot!
 - Note whether your interview is either in person or via zoom.
 - **ZOOM:**
 - Test your internet connection in advance.
 - Find a quiet location where you are able to interact with the interviewer.
 - If at home, please remind family members that you are in an interview. That way they can help keep Poopsie, the dog, out of your interviewing space.
 - Please wear business attire. Make yourself presentable AND comfortable.
 - Be aware of your surroundings.
 - Lighting (Brighten your beautiful smile). No bright lights behind you, but keep lighting in front of you.
 - Position of screen: Interview wants to see your face, not your forehead.
 - Be aware of your surroundings: If you are interviewing for Wake Forest, please take down the NC State flag behind you (yes, this really did happen in a mock interview). Also, be mindful of a busy background. The focus of the interview needs to be you, not a giant poster behind your head.
 - **IN-PERSON:**
 - Interviews should take place in a public location such as a coffee shop. Please notify your counselor if your interviewer suggests a nonpublic location such as a home.
 - Please wear business attire. Again, make yourself presentable AND comfortable.
 - Be confident! Walk in, make eye contact, and shake the interviewer's hand.
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What to expect:

- This interview will be more conversational. The interviewer wants to get to know YOU.



- The interviewer will be an admissions officer, alumnus of the school, or a school advocate.
 - Keep calm, take your time to formulate well thought out answers. Remember, it is ok to PAUSE. It is also ok to say, "That is a great question, let me think about it."
 - Know the school well; not just school colors or the mascot. Know their programs, know school traditions, and remember fine details matter.
 - Always bring questions for the interviewer.
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Best questions to ask when it is your turn to ask:

- I am hoping to pursue (Major) at (School Name), are there opportunities as an incoming freshman to obtain a work studies position or internship after my first semester?
- What was your experience at (School Name) like and what would you have done differently?
- What extracurricular activities did you participate in while at (School Name) and what were the pros and cons? (more questions can stem from this question)
- Where was your favorite place to eat off-campus?
- I am pursuing (Major), is it possible to double major in (2nd major) still allowing time for extracurricular activities?
- What was your favorite school tradition and why?
- How did the school assist you in job/career placement?
- Were you able to apply for (Major) scholarships once you were admitted to the (Specific Degree Program/Specialized School)?
- What was your favorite course at (School Name)?
- What advice would you give a freshman to maintain strong academics and balance their extracurricular activities?
- What advice would you give an eighteen year old kid just beginning their college career?

[HERE is a helpful link from the College Essay Guy about the Ultimate College Interview! Check it out!](#)

Last, but certainly not least, BE YOURSELF! You are an amazing human being, show the interviewer what you love and what makes you unique.